

# SQUIRREL TALES



FROM TINY ACORNS

MIGHTY OAKS GROW

## Letter from our Principal, Mrs. Anderson:

I will be away from school May 20-June 3, and am happy to report that Mrs. Susan Liehe will fill in for me as interim principal during these two weeks. Many of you may already know Mrs. Liehe, as she was the principal who first opened Seven Oaks in 1997. Thanks to the Meridian School District supervisors and our superintendent, who have ensured that an administrator is on duty every day. I look forward to returning for the last 4 days of school.

### SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

Parents, please be extra vigilant regarding safety in the school zone. We need your full attention when dropping off/picking up students. If anyone is in a crosswalk, drivers are expected to stop until pedestrians have safely crossed the street. Cell phones and other distractions should be put away for the few minutes that you are driving through the school zone. When walking students to a vehicle parked in front of the school, we ask that you use the marked crosswalk. Thank you for helping to keep the school zone safe for everyone.

### MOVING?

If you will be moving during the summer break, or you know that your child(ren) will attend another school in the Fall, please notify our secretary, Tina Clark, as soon as possible.

### TRANSFER REQUESTS

Transfer requests for students who live outside our regular attendance area or outside our district need to be re-submitted annually. If your child is currently attending Seven Oaks as a transfer student, and you want him/her to continue attending our school, please submit your request as soon as possible. Forms are available at the school office.

### NEW ADDRESS?

If you have moved during the school year, please be sure to update your current address with Tina Clark at the school office. When teachers send out letters in late July, we want to be sure they are sent to the correct address. Thank you.

### 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE FAREWELL

Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to join us for the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell, which is scheduled on the last day of school, **June 7, at 2:00pm** in the gym.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

May 16: Science & Engineering Club  
4-5 pm

May 27: NO SCHOOL  
(Memorial Day Holiday)

May 31: Walkathon  
2-6 pm

June 3: Summerwind Skippers Assembly  
2:30 pm

June 4: Last PTA General Meeting 4-5 pm Library

June 6: Field Day

June 7: 5<sup>th</sup> grade farewell 2 pm

June 7: Last Day of School!



## PTA Volunteers Needed for 2013-14 School Year!

We are still in need of volunteers for several of our fantastic PTA programs for the next school year! You might be concerned about over-committing your time, but most of these positions require only a few hours per month, or even less. Please consider helping out by volunteering with the PTA.

1. **Art from the Heart Shopper** - We need someone who will go shopping for our art supplies and keep our Art from the Heart supplies closet stocked! Do you like shopping (with someone else's money)? Are you a bargain hunter? This might be the perfect job for you!
2. **Assemblies** - Determine which assemblies to fund next year, book groups, assist with logistics planning.
3. **Bingo Night** - Help plan our winter community-building event! (January)
4. **Bulletin Board** - Can you help keep our bulletin board by the front office updated?
5. **Web Communications** - Would you like to help develop & manage our PTA website? Update our PTA Facebook page? If you are an online expert, we could use your help!
6. **Harvest Dinner & Auction** - We still need help planning our fun fall event! If you like planning parties, this might be a great job for you!
7. **Newsletter** - Do you like writing/editing? Consider helping with our Squirrel Tales Newsletter!
8. **School Spirit Coordinator** - Manage our School Spiritwear and/or School Spirit Days!
9. **Staff Appreciation Coordinator** - Would you like to help plan the Seven Oaks Staff Appreciation events? Perfect role to show some gratitude for our amazing teachers & staff!
10. ... Or, something else? If you know of an opportunity that you would like to get involved please let us know!

Please contact Christine Avey at [christine.avey@yahoo.com](mailto:christine.avey@yahoo.com) if you would like to learn more about any of these volunteer opportunities.



## Walkathon Reminders!

**Walkathon registration forms are due by May 17th!** What do those registration fees cover? They cover this year's walkathon t-shirt, walkathon lap card, lap prizes and a BBQ meal for your child(ren)! Last year over 90% of the students were registered and walking in their Seven Oaks Walkathon t-shirts, so turn in those forms now!! We need registration forms turned in this week in order to guarantee that the t-shirts will be ready in time for the Walkathon.

The Walkathon is on Friday, May 31st from 2-6 pm. This is a **family event**. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and a few dollars - food, drinks and activities available for purchase. (Please note: there will be no silent auction this year)

Have you sent in your **volunteer** form yet? We need over 100 volunteers to pull this AMAZING event off - so please send in your volunteer reply form, or email [mbblair@dbclarklaw.com](mailto:mbblair@dbclarklaw.com) if you can help!!

Please, don't forget to send out your **sponsorship forms** to family & friends. We are hoping to bring in at least \$5000 in sponsorships in order to continue funding all the great programs that the PTA currently provides to the Seven Oaks students!

Walkathon **ticket order forms** will be sent out this week. Tickets can be used for games, dunk tank, cake-walk, obstacle course, sno cones, food and drinks

**Prizes** for top walkers and top fundraisers!!!!



**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**2013 Family BBQ & Walkathon**  
 Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2:00 -6:00 PM

Seven Oaks Elementary  
**PTA**<sup>®</sup>  
*everychild.onevoice.*

Child \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Please check ONE of the following:

My child **WILL PARTICIPATE** in the Walkathon by WALKING & FUNDRAISING.  
**Attached is a check for my registration fee of \$18.**

T-shirt size: (check one)

Child Small (6-8)     Child Large (14-16)  
 Child Medium (10-12)     Adult Small

BBQ:

Hamburger  
 Hot Dog

My child may walk during school hours, but **WILL NOT PARTICIPATE** after school.

If you would like to purchase **extra** t-shirts, they are **\$10 each**. Please indicate the number and size of each.

<b>Youth Sizes</b>			<b>Adult Sizes</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Large	<input type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Large	<input type="checkbox"/> XL	<input type="checkbox"/> XXL

*Please return this form to your teacher no later than May 17, 2013.  
 Please make checks out to Seven Oaks PTA*

**Walkathon Day Parent Volunteer Sign-Up Form**

Over 150 parent volunteers are needed to take shifts in various areas during the Walkathon. It's fun!! Most moms and dads prefer to be involved and interactive with their children throughout the entire day. Consider signing up for more than one shift. Responsible older siblings, ages 12 and up will also be recruited for stations indicated with an \*. Beginning May 20th, Committee Chairs will start calling volunteers to fill their slots. Please email us at [sevenoakswalkathon@hotmail.com](mailto:sevenoakswalkathon@hotmail.com), or call Reggie Esplin at 297-3671 if you have any questions about volunteering. Thank you!  
 (you may also sign up online at \_\_\_\_\_)

Volunteer (a) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer (b) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Shifts** Usually 1 hour shifts. Indicate Volunteer (a) or (b) in the spaces provided

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wherever there is need!!</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Station*	<input type="checkbox"/> Dunk Tank
<input type="checkbox"/> Laser Tag	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Spritzers*	<input type="checkbox"/> Tattoo Tent*
<input type="checkbox"/> Ticket Sales	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand out Lap Treats	<input type="checkbox"/> Cake Walk
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Sales	<input type="checkbox"/> Punch Lap Cards	<input type="checkbox"/> Thank You Notes
<input type="checkbox"/> Set-Up/ Clean-Up	<input type="checkbox"/> BBQ	

**Please return this form by Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>!**



## TIME TO RETURN OVERDUE BOOKS!

Parents, please ask your child if they have any overdue or lost books. Overdue notices will be sent home again this week. As the school year winds down, it's important to locate and return any books students have checked out. If your child has an overdue book, please help your student locate it. If the book is **LOST**, send a check in the amount listed on the overdue notice. Should you have any questions, please contact Brittney Garringer: 350-4095 ext. 1045 or email [garringer.brittney@meridianschools.org](mailto:garringer.brittney@meridianschools.org).

